

“A Wagner Matinee”

1. Clark receives a letter saying that his aunt is coming to visit. What does the fact that the letter is all worn and late reveal about the husband?
2. What is Clark worried about with his landlady?
3. What is the age difference between Georgiana and her husband?
4. How did they get married and why?
5. What was Georgiana's job before she married?
6. Why didn't Georgiana want to talk about music?
7. When Clark was young and sick Georgiana used to sing to him, “Home to our mountains, O, let us return,” which is a song about a woman who raises a son as her own. How does this fit their situation?
8. In Nebraska, where is the only place Georgiana gets any interaction with music?
9. Give two examples of how Georgiana looks as she gets off the train.
10. Clark wants to take his aunt to a matinee. What are two reasons why he wanted to take her there?
11. What are two reasons why he didn't want to take her?
12. The matinee ended with the Ring in Siegfried's funeral march. This is about Hagen who plots to kill the hero, Siegfried. Hagen gives Siegfried a potion that makes him forget his bride, Brunnhilde. Right before Hagen kills Siegfried he

makes him realize who his bride is, then he stabs Siegfried in the back. Brunnhilde kills herself on Siegfried's grave. How does the matinee ending with the funeral march fitting?

13. How did Georgiana react to the music at the matinee?

14. Setting is your literary term for this story. Describe the setting of Boston.

15. Describe the setting of Nebraska.

16. Georgiana told Clark about music, "Don't love it so well, Clark, or it may be taken from you." Why did she say this?

Name three things you like about Algona and three things you like about a big city.

"A Wagner Matinee" vocabulary strategy

From "A Wagner Matinee" pick five of the ten "Words to own" and use them in the strategy below. Do this on a piece of lined paper and keep it somewhere safe. I will collect this vocabulary, and the others we do this unit, right before the unit test.

WORD	SYNONYM
DEFINITION	ANTONYM